

REMARKS

Claims 46-51, 67, 69-73, and 93 are pending. Claims 46, 50, 67, and 70 have been amended. Claim 93 is newly presented. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 46-50 and 72-73 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Widl (U.S. Patent No. 5,721,678). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 46 and 50 recite a receiving means for receiving toll data including charge data, for each of a plurality of different moving body types, relating to the area where a charge is applied. In contrast, Widl discloses, column 4, lines 57-67, that different and separate cards are required for different vehicle types (e.g., cars, motorcycles, trucks, etc.). Widl does not teach that the receiving means receives toll data for a plurality of different moving body types, as recited in claims 46 and 50.

Claim 72 recites, in part, a charge processing device which includes a toll card capable of being inserted and removed for storing a predetermined area in which a charge is applied which area is set based on predetermined map information. In contrast, Widl discloses that a second storage device 14 for permanent storage stores predetermined geographical positions. Additionally, Widl discloses a highway toll card for storing use credit. Widl does not teach a toll card for storing a predetermined area in which a charge is applied since the storage device 14 only stores identification points which indicate entry and exit points of a highway (column 4, lines 21-25). Accordingly, Widl does not teach a charge processing device which includes a toll card capable of being inserted and removed for storing a predetermined area in which a charge is applied which area is set based on predetermined map information, as recited in claim 72.

Claims 47-49 and 73 are believed allowable for at least the reasons presented above with respect to claims 46 and 72 by virtue of their dependence upon claims 46 and 72. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 51, 67, and 69-71 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Widl. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 67 and 70 recite, in part, a charge processing device or system which includes a transmitting means for transmitting charge history of the charge information generated by the making means to a ground station. In contrast, Widl discloses that use subject to charges are determined and calculated in the vehicle and that and are only stored temporarily (column 5, lines 55-65). Widl further discloses (column 6, lines 1-10) that special logging devices for documenting traveled distances may be provided, when necessary. Widl does not teach or

suggest transmitting charge history to a ground station since Widl teaches that users acquire authorization before using a highway by way of a "use credit" system (column 4, lines 50-55). Accordingly, Widl does not teach or suggest a charge processing device or system which includes a transmitting means for transmitting charge history of the charge information generated by the making means to a ground station, as recited in claims 67 and 70.


Claims 51, 69, and 71 are believed allowable for at least the reasons presented above with respect to claims 50, 67, and 70 by virtue of their dependence upon claims 50, 67, and 70. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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